

# Free Money for Vocational Training or College for Current or Former Foster Youth

## APPLICATION FOR 2004-05

**New Chafee Grant student?** Fill out and mail or fax this application to the California Student Aid Commission.  
**Renewal Chafee Grant student?** *Don't fill out this application;* just call the Commission for more information.

Please Print or Type

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -	
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)			CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
SHOULD THE ADDRESS ABOVE REPLACE ANY PRIOR ADDRESS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME ( ) WORK ( )		E-MAIL ADDRESS		BIRTHDATE ____/____/____	
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHICH HAS YOUR FOSTER CARE RECORDS				NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF A PERSON WHO CAN ALWAYS CONTACT YOU ( )		
CURRENT SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE OR COLLEGE (Full name, please no high school name) CITY STATE						
<b>YOUR GOAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of at least two years) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of less than two years) <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Occup. or Tech.) <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Gen. Ed. or transfer)					<b>YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Credential Program <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or Professional Degree	
<b>CURRENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (Check one only)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN (FEWER THAN 30 UNITS) <input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____				<b>HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2004-05 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (The 2004-05 FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The FAFSA can be filed online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> )		
<b>ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH STIPEND OR ILP* FUNDS?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO * Independent Living Program						
<b>HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM?</b> ____ ILP (County or College) ____ California Student Aid Commission ____ Mail ____ School financial aid officer or school counselor ____ One-Stop Career Center ____ Other _____ ____ Social Worker/Probation Officer						

### The fine print-

I declare under penalty of the laws of the State of California and of the United States that this form has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete.

I authorize the Commission to receive and to release my student records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Here are some questions and answers on the Chafee Grant Program- for current and former foster youth.

### What is a California Chafee Grant?

The California Chafee Grant Program gives up to \$5,000 annually in free money to foster youth and former foster youth to use for vocational school training or college courses. You don't have to pay it back and you can use the money for lots of things like childcare, transportation and rent!

### What do I need to apply?

You must be enrolled in a:

- ◆ vocational school or college that is Title IV-eligible
- ◆ course of study at least half time
- ◆ course of study that is at least one year long and Title IV-eligible

And you must keep those grades up, or "maintain satisfactory academic progress."

To apply, you must:

- ◆ be eligible or have been eligible for foster care between your 16th and 18th birthday, and not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1, 2004
- ◆ file two forms:
  - ✓ 2004-05 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. File online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or get a paper form from your school. (Undocumented students may contact the Commission for further instructions.)
  - and**
  - ✓ California Chafee Grant Program Application (this form or online). Send it to the Commission.

### Can I apply online?

Yes, log on to the Commission's Chafee Grant Program Web site at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov). There, you can fill out the online application and submit it electronically.

### How will I know if I'm selected?

The Commission will get your 2004-05 FAFSA form from the U. S. Department of Education. The FAFSA will be evaluated along with your Chafee Grant

Application (this form). CDSS will verify your ILP status and your school will determine your financial aid eligibility. The Commission will send you a letter to tell you if you are receiving a grant or not.

### How will I get the grant?

Your grant will be sent to the vocational school or college where you are enrolled. Talk to your school's financial aid advisor about how the school will disburse the grant.

### Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?

Yes, you can contact your:

- ◆ social worker/probation officer
- ◆ County/college ILP Coordinator
- ◆ school financial aid administrator/school counselor
- ◆ One-Stop Career Centers

### How can I contact the Commission?

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:



**You can call** 1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**You can write** the Commission, or *mail your application to:*

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs  
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029



**You can e-mail** your questions to the Commission at: [specialized@csac.ca.gov](mailto:specialized@csac.ca.gov).



**For more information** on the Chafee Grant Program, just log on to the Commission's Web site at: [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov).



**If you are filling out the paper California Chafee Grant Application, be sure to mail it to the Commission's address above, or fax it to (916) 526-7977.**